

REMARKS

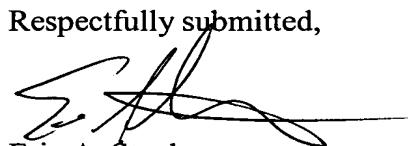
Because no new matter has been added, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-referenced continuation application is entitled to the original filing date of August 17, 1999.

CONCLUSION

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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